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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV EMIGRE ACTIVITIES IN THE US

1. IN CALL ON DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

BAKER ON AUGUST 21, YUGOSLAV ACTING DCM STRBAC STATED THAT GOY IS CONCERNED THAT CERTAIN YUGOSLAV EMIGRE EXTREMISTS WHO MIGHT TRAVEL TO ALGIERS AT TIME OF NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING (SEPTEMBER 5-8) MIGHT ENGAGE IN HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AGAINST PRESIDENT TITO DURING HIS VISIT THERE.

STRBAC CONVEYED REQUEST OF GOY THAT USG INFORM YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN EVENT CERTAIN SERB, CROAT, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MACEDONIAN EMIGRE EXTREMISTS RESIDING IN US, WHOSE NAMES

WERE CONTAINED IN LIST HE GAVE TO BAKER, SHOULD TRAVEL ABROAD SHORTLY BEFORE ALGIERS SUMMIT. STRBAC INDICATED GOY HAD MADE SIMILAR REQUEST OF CANADA, FRG, FRANCE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING THE GOA ITSELF.

2. STRBAC STATED THAT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY HAS COME TO CONCLUSION THAT YUGOSLAV EMIGRE EXTREMISTS ORGANIZATIONS IN US ARE NOT GIVING UP THEIR ANTI-YUGOSLAVIA STRUGGLE. HE POINTED TO FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF EMIGRE ACTIVITIES WHICH LED EMBASSY TO THIS CONCLUSION:

A. AUGUST 15 ISSUE OF CROATIAN EMIGRE NEWSPAPER DANICA (THE MORNING STAR), PUBLISHED IN CHICAGO, WHICH

CARRIES ARTICLE CALLING FOR CROATS IN US TO SEND MONEY TO VALENCIA, SPAIN TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE CROAT EMIGRES WHO ARE PREPARING FOR "X-DAY", WHICH STRBAC INTERPRETED AS DAY OF TITO'S DEATH. (ARTICLE, AS WE READ IT, SUGGESTS MONEY MIGHT BE USED ALSO FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDENTS OF CROAT HIJACKERS OF SAS PLANE WHO ARE UNDER DETENTION IN SPAIN.);

B. FOUR MEETINGS OF EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WILL BE HELD IN US IN NEAR FUTURE:

(1) MEETING OF NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR THE CROATIAN STATE (NACCS) IN CLEVELAND, AUGUST 24-26/
(2) MEETING IN CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 24, OF UNITED AMERICAN CROATIANS (UAC);
(3) CONGRESS IN JACKSON, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 1, 1973, OF BRANCHES OF SERBIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE (SND) ORGANIZATION, LOCATED IN WESTERN STATES;
(4) CONVENTION OF MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION (MPO) IN CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER 1-3.

3. STRBAC INDICATED THAT EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT POSSIBLE THAT INDIVIDUAL US CONGRESSMEN AND POLITICAL FIGURES MIGHT ATTEND ONE OR MORE OF THESE MEETINGS. HE ASKED THAT USG GIVE NO OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO THESE MEETINGS AND THAT IT ADVISE CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER POLITICAL FIGURES AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS OF US POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA.

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4. AFTER NOTING THAT EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS ARE FREE TO HOLD MEETINGS AND THAT WE CANNOT ASSUME THAT ALL THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND THESE MEETINGS WOULD USE VIOLENCE TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, BAKER ASKED STRBAC TO OUTLINE PLATFORMS OF THESE FOUR GROUPS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THEIR POSITION ON USE OF VIOLENCE. IN REPLY, STRBAC SAID EACH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS IS BENT ON DISMEMBERING YUGOSLAVIA AND

ADVOCATES THE USE OF VIOLENT METHODS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL. STRBAC DESCRIBED ORIENTATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL GROUPS AS FOLLOWS: NACCS AND UAC - DESTRUCTION OF YUGOSLAVIA AND CREATION OF SEPARATIST, INDEPENDENT CROATIAN STATE; SND - DESTRUCTION AND DISMEMBERMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA AND CREATION OF A GREATER SERBIA; MPO - PULLING MACEDONIA SR OUT OF YUGOSLAVIA AND INCORPORATING IT INTO A GREATER BULGARIA.

5. BAKER OBSERVED THAT SEVERAL OF THESE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE VERY SOON. IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT CERTAIN POLITICAL FIGURES HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO THEM AND THAT IF THERE WERE

ATTENDANCE BY ANY CONGRESSMEN OR LOCAL OFFICIALS THIS WOULD IN NO WAY REFLECT USG VIEWS. HE STATED THAT WE HAVE IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE TO MAKE KNOWN THE USG POSITION TO STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSMEN WHO MIGHT NOT BE AWARE OF IT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA AND TOWARD ANY ATTACKS ON ITS INTEGRITY. WE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, TELL THESE OFFICIALS WHAT TO DO. BAKER STRESSED THAT US POLICY TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA REMAINS AS OUTLINED BY PRESIDENT NIXON: WE SUPPORT THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA.

6. MEMORANDA REPORTING OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED BY BAKER AND STRBAC BEING POUCED. DEPARTMENT GIVING TO FBI COPY OF LIST MENTIONED IN PARA ONE TOGETHER WITH STRBAC'S ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT PLACES OF RESIDENCE AND AFFILIATIONS OF PERSONS ON IT, REQUESTING THAT FBI ADVISE DEPARTMENT SOONEST OF ANY INFORMATION IT MIGHT DEVELOP WHICH SUGGESTS THAT EMIGRES ON GOY LIST PLAN TO TRAVEL TO ALGERIA. ROGERS CONFIDENTIAL

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